

The middle name of Edward, Jr. is documented as “Wherry” in the Pitt County Property Records at Book S, p. 354 where his brother, Thomas, states in a deed to his brother James:

“This indenture . . . between Thomas Flanikin of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina of the first part and James Flanikin of the County and State of aforesaid of the second part, Witness it and the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of fifty four dollars . . . in and paid by James Flanikin . . . do hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said James Flanekin . . . (property description) . . . it being the shole (sic) of his proportionable part of the land that fell to him in the division of his brother Edward Wherry Flanekin, decd. land . . .”
Signed by Thomas Flanekin with his mark.

(note two different spellings in the document)

We have, therefore, documentation that Edward, Jr.’s middle name was “Wherry”. If Edward, Jr.’s middle name was “Wherry” then his father’s name was Edward Wherry Flanekin, Sr. The father being the first Flanekin to appear in the records of Pitt County.